



MPA Economic Security Team Minutes

April 10, 2025, 1:30 – 3:00 pm

3725 Westwind Blvd, Santa Rosa, Carnelian Room

Attendees: Regina Brennan, Angela Conte, Katie Greaves, Emily Heinzelman, Mary Lockhart, Bonnie Petty, Emily Topai, Segretta Woodward

1. Welcome

- a. What economic need in our older adult community are you most passionate or curious about?

2. Review, refine, and adopt prioritized strategies for implementation

Action: For MPA year one implementation, team will prioritize advocacy and action at the local and state level for streamlined processes and increased access of CalFresh and other nutrition benefits *and* expansion of concrete assistance to help older adults with medical bills, utility bills, and other out of pocket expenses.

While team members reached consensus to move in this direction there were reservations that this was a heavy and expansive lift for year one. Other reservations included hesitancy to wait on strategy 6.4.

Next steps will include a Root Cause Analysis to further focus and narrow prioritized strategies. Additionally, as the Economic Development Commission and Workforce Investment Board solidify staffing, Action Team will seek their input to move 6.4 forward.

3. Racial Equity Foundations Training Review

Action: Tabled for May meeting

4. Workshop: Identifying Root Causes for Action

Action: Tabled for May meeting

Outcomes:

- Action Team members adopted 2 strategies for action in year one.

Next Steps:

- Joni will reach out to Katie for data on CalFresh populations served.